

# **Virtual All-School Musical Auditions**

Directed by Olson Scott Kelly Choreographed by Christian Warner Music Direction by Melanie Bivens

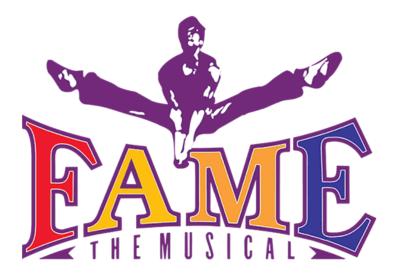
For the first time ever, HSPVA will present an entirely virtual musical. We're looking for creative students who want to be a part of a brand new musical experience!

**What to prepare:** Many parts of this show will be filmed by YOU at home, so we're asking for your audition video to be creative and unique. Don't worry about making it perfect- this is something that should reflect your creativity. We ask that you:

- Actors/Singers: Include yourself singing 16 bars of a contemporary musical theatre OR pop/rock song (please no acapella)
- Dancers: Include a clip of yourself dancing- it can be whatever style you want, but please keep the video short.
- Musicians: If you're interested in the virtual orchestra, there will be a meeting set up next week. If you want to audition for a role, please submit to the link below a video of you playing your instrument and talking about yourself. Even if you don't have acting experience, we are still looking for musicians to audition for the cast.
- Keep your video to under 3 minutes in total length
- Tech: Costumes, set, video production, stage management, publicity- Email rdavis22@houstonisd.org for details.

## VIDEO AUDITIONS ARE DUE BACK BY 8AM ON MONDAY OCTOBER 26

Submit your video audition and materials at: <u>https://forms.gle/8SbTFZUp8hbrd6xA8</u>



## Character Breakdown:

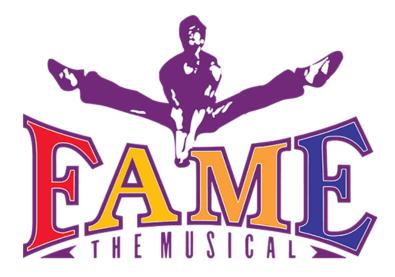
Actors of all genders and races will be considered for roles unless otherwise noted in the character description.

### THE ACTORS

- SERENA KATZ: A shy and timid, yet enthusiastic actress. Voice: Soprano belt.
- NICK PIAZZA: Ambitious, enthusiastic, classical actor who is very serious about his craft. Voice: Baritenor.
- JOE VEGAS: Latino. Loud, funny, and comical. Excellent comedic actor who can sing. Voice: Baritone.

#### THE DANCERS

- TYRONE JACKSON: African American. A talented but dislexic hip hop dancer who comes from a poor background. Shares a difficult relationship with Iris. Excellent dancer and actor who can sing & rap. Voice: Baritone.
- CARMEN DIAZ: Latina. A confident, but cocky, dancer with a big ego. She is determined to make it big, and is obsessed with the idea of fame, nearly to a fault. Strong dancer. Voice: Mezzo Belter.
- IRIS KELLY: A very talented, graceful ballet dancer who often comes across as snobbish and mean because of her insecurities with herself. Shares a difficult relationship with Tyrone. Strong dancer. Voice: Mezzo
- MABEL WASHINGTON: A loud dancer and singer who cannot resist food. She often speaks her mind and gives out advice to others in their times of trouble. Strong actress with great comedic timing. Strong dancer. Voice: Mezzo Pop-Belt

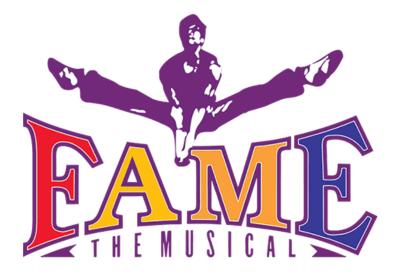


#### THE MUSICIANS

- SCHLOMO METZENBAUM: A musician who starts a rock band. He is fed up with the strain of his famous violinist father's expectations. He is very wise and academically clever. An excellent actor and singer. Ideally, the actor cast can play either violin or piano (but any instrument will work). Voice: Baritenor
- GRACE 'LAMBCHOPS' LAMB: A loud, confrontational rock chick and tomboy who plays the drums for Schlomo's band. She often loses her temper and it is implied that she does not take school seriously. Excellent comedic actress who can sing. Voice: Mezzo Belter.
- GOODMAN 'GOODY' KING: A musician who is in Schlomo's band. He is believed to be Schlomo's best friend. Strong comedic actor with a good voice. Voice: Baritone.

#### THE TEACHERS

- MISS ESTHER SHERMAN (English): A strict, old-fashioned English teacher who loves her students despite the fact that she has to come down hard on them. Strong actress and singer with a gospel sound. Voice: Mezzo belt.
- MS. GRETA BELL (Dance): A dance teacher with a passion for different styles of dance. She believes that dance is a way of life, and is very protective of her students. Strong dancer. Voice: Mezzo Belt.
- MR. MYERS (Acting): A laid back drama teacher with an obsession for human psychology. Strong actor.
- MR. SHEINKOPF (Music): A European music tutor with a love for classical music and dislike for all things rock and roll. Role for a strong comedic actor.



#### ENSEMBLE

In the spirit of FAME, we're looking to cast a diverse ensemble of students from all different disciplines- musicians, actors, dancers, visual artists, writers, etc. You do <u>not</u> need to be a perfect singer or dancer in order to audition- we want to see YOU in your video. Feel free to demonstrate different abilities or interests you might have. Make your video less about the audition, and more about introducing yourself to us. Musicians are encouraged to include themselves playing their instrument in their audition video.

Callback information will be sent out after the initial submission window closes.